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REMARKS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

DeBruycker et al. and further in view of Alaimo et al.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeBruycker et al. (6,272,219) and further in view of Alaimo et al. (6,614,811).

Neither the patent to Alaimo nor the patent to DeBruycker teaches or discloses providing digital subscriber line service in on a first card in a chassis, and providing plain old telephone service on a second card in the chassis, and "*splitting the digital subscriber line service from the plain old telephone service, said splitting occurring within the chassis without requiring a splitter external to the chassis at a customer premises*" as recited in independent claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-5 as amended herein. It is therefore believed that claims 1-5 are unobvious, and the rejection should be withdrawn.

***DeBruycker et al. and further in view of Alaimo et al. and further in view of
Williamson et al.***

The Examiner rejected claims 6-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeBruycker et al. (6,272,219), and further in view of Alaimo et al. (6,614,811), and further in view of Williamson et al. (6,477,249).

The patents to DeBruycker, Alaimo, and Williamson do not teach a method of splitting DSL signals and SLIC signals "*wherein said passive components separate the DSL signals and the SLIC signals on at least one of the first circuit board or the second circuit board within a chassis without requiring a splitter external to the chassis at a customer premises*" as recited in independent claim 6 and its dependent claims 7-13 as amended herein. It is therefore believed that claims 6-13 are unobvious, and the rejection should be withdrawn.

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Williamson et al.*

The Examiner rejected claims 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeBruycker et al. (6,272,219), and further in view of Alaimo et al. (6,614,811), and further in view of Williamson et al. (6,477,249).

The patents to DeBruycker, Alaimo and Williamson do not teach a method of handling digital subscriber line (DSL) signals and subscriber line interface card (SLIC) signals *"wherein said separating occurs on at least one of the first hot-swappable circuit board or the second hot-swappable circuit board within a chassis without requiring a splitter external to the chassis at a customer premises"* as recited in independent claim 14 and its dependent claims 15-16. It is therefore believed that claims 14-16 are unobvious, and the rejection should be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

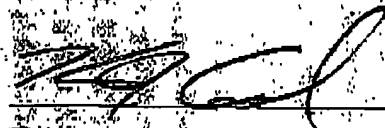
In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney, Kenneth J. Cool, at (720) 227-9445 if there remains any issue with allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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